

# ON THE $K$ -THEORY OF TORIC STACK BUNDLES

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**ABSTRACT.** Simplicial toric stack bundles are smooth Deligne-Mumford stacks over smooth varieties with fibre a toric Deligne-Mumford stack. We compute the Grothendieck  $K$ -theory of simplicial toric stack bundles and study the Chern character homomorphism.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Simplicial toric stack bundles, as defined in [10], are bundles over a smooth base variety  $B$  with fibers toric Deligne-Mumford stacks in the sense of [5]. In this paper we compute the Grothendieck  $K$ -theory of simplicial toric stack bundles.

In [10], the construction of toric Deligne-Mumford stacks was slightly generalized by extending the notion of stacky fans. A stacky fan<sup>1</sup> is a triple  $\Sigma := (N, \Sigma, \beta)$ , where  $N$  is a finitely generated abelian group<sup>2</sup> of rank  $d$ ,  $\Sigma$  is a simplicial fan in the lattice  $\overline{N} = N/N_{\text{tor}} \subset N_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , and  $\beta : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow N$  is a map determined by integral vectors  $b_1, \dots, b_n, b_{n+1}, \dots, b_m \in N$  ( $m \geq n$ ) satisfying the condition that for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the image  $\overline{b}_i \in \overline{N}$  under the projection  $N \rightarrow \overline{N}$  generates the ray  $\rho_i \in \Sigma$ . We call  $\{b_{n+1}, \dots, b_m\}$  the extra data in  $\Sigma$ . The stacky fan  $\Sigma$  yields an exact sequence,

$$(1) \quad 1 \longrightarrow \mu \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\mathbb{C}^*)^m \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow 1$$

where  $T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^d$ . We associated to  $\Sigma$  a *toric Deligne-Mumford stack*  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) := [Z/G]$ , where  $Z = (\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_{\Sigma})) \times (\mathbb{C}^*)^{m-n}$ , the ideal  $J_{\Sigma}$  is the irrelevant ideal of the fan  $\Sigma$ , and  $G$  acts on  $Z$  via the homomorphism  $\alpha : G \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^m$  above.

Removing the extra data  $\{b_{n+1}, \dots, b_m\}$  from the map  $\beta$  yields  $\beta_{\min} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow N$  given by the integral vectors  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ . The triple  $\Sigma_{\min} := (N, \Sigma, \beta_{\min})$  is the stacky fan in the sense of [5]. The toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma_{\min})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ , see [10]. The stacky fan  $\Sigma_{\min}$  may be interpreted as the minimal representation of the associated toric Deligne-Mumford stack.

Let  $P \rightarrow B$  be a principal  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle, let  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  be the quotient stack  $[(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z)/G]$ , where  $G$  acts on  $B$  trivially and on  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$  via the map  $\alpha$  above. Then  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is a toric stack bundle over  $B$  with fibre the toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . The extra data  $\{b_{n+1}, \dots, b_m\}$  in  $\Sigma$  can be put into the  $\text{Box}(\Sigma)$  which do not influence the structure of the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . The choice of torsion and nontorsion extra data does affect the structure of  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ , but not the Chen-Ruan (orbifold) cohomology, see [10].

Let  $\rho_i \in \Sigma$  be a ray. There is a corresponding line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_i$  over  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ , which is the trivial line bundle  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z$  with the  $G$ -action given by the  $i$ -th component of the map  $\alpha$ . The

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<sup>1</sup>In [10] this is called an *extended* stacky fan.

<sup>2</sup>We denote by  $N_{\text{tor}}$  the torsion subgroup of  $N$ .

ray  $\rho_i$  also defines a line bundle  $L_i$  over  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  via the  $i$ -th component of  $\alpha$ . The line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_i$  can be taken as the twist  $P(L_i)$  of  $L_i$  by the principle  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle  $P$ .

Let  $R$  denote the character ring of the group  $G_{min}$ , which is isomorphic to  $DG(\beta_{min})$  in the Gale dual map  $\beta_{min}^\vee : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow DG(\beta_{min})$ . Every character  $\chi \in R$  gives a line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\chi$  over  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . The line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is given by the standard character  $\chi_i$  induced by the standard generator  $x_i$  on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ . We let  $x_i$  represent the class  $[\mathcal{L}_i]$  in the  $K$ -theory. Let  $M = N^*$  be the dual of  $N$ . For  $\theta \in M$ , let  $\xi_\theta \rightarrow B$  be the line bundle coming from the principal  $T$  bundle  $E \rightarrow B$  by “extending” the structure group via  $\chi^\theta : T \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ , where  $E \rightarrow B$  is induced from the  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle  $P$  via the map  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m \rightarrow T$  in (1). Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_d\}$  be a basis of  $\overline{N} = \mathbb{Z}^d$ , we choose a basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$  of  $M$ , which is dual to  $\{v_1, \dots, v_d\}$ . Write  $\xi_i = \xi_{u_i}$ .

Let  $K(B)$  be the  $K$ -theory ring of the smooth variety  $B$ . Let  $C({}^P\Sigma)$  be the ideal in the ring  $K(B) \otimes R$  generated by the elements

$$(2) \quad \left( \prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} x_j^{\langle \theta, b_j \rangle} - \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} (\xi_i^\vee)^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle} \right)_{\theta \in M},$$

where  $\xi_i^\vee$  is the dual of the line bundle  $\xi_i$ . Let  $I_\Sigma$  be the ideal generated by

$$(3) \quad \prod_{i \in I} (1 - x_i)$$

where  $I \subseteq [1, \dots, n]$  such that  $\{\rho_i | i \in I\}$  do not form a cone in  $\Sigma$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$  be the Grothendieck  $K$ -theory ring of the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . Then the morphism*

$$\phi : \frac{K(B) \otimes R}{I_\Sigma + C({}^P\Sigma)} \longrightarrow K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)),$$

*which send  $\chi$  to  $[\mathcal{L}_\chi]$ , is an isomorphism.*

In the reduced case, i.e. the abelian group  $N$  is torison-free, the toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is an orbifold. Then every character of  $G$  can be lifted to a character of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ . We have the corollary:

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$  be the Grothendieck  $K$ -theory ring of the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  with  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  a reduced toric Deligne-Mumford stack. Then the morphism*

$$\phi : \frac{K(B)[x_1, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n, x_n^{-1}]}{I_\Sigma + C({}^P\Sigma)} \longrightarrow K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)),$$

*which send  $x_i$  to  $[\mathcal{L}_i]$ , is an isomorphism.*

Our proof of the main theorem is based on computations of the  $K$ -theory rings of toric Deligne-Mumford stacks [6], and of toric bundles [16].

This paper is organized as follows. The basic construction of toric stack bundles defined in [10] is reviewed in Section 2. Chen-Ruan orbifold cohomology ring of toric stack bundles is discussed in Section 3. In Section 4 we compute the  $K$ -theory ring of toric stack bundles, and in Section 5 we show that there is a Chern character isomorphism from the  $K$ -theory of the toric stack bundle to the Chen-Ruan cohomology ring. In Section 6 we give an interesting example, where we compute

the  $K$ -theory ring of finite abelian gerbes over smooth varieties and compare with the Chen-Ruan cohomology calculated in [10].

**Conventions.** In this paper we work algebraically over the field of complex numbers. We use the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  as coefficients of (orbifold) Chow ring and (orbifold) cohomology ring. By an orbifold we mean a smooth Deligne-Mumford stack with trivial generic stabilizer. We refer to [5] for the construction of Gale dual  $(\beta)^\vee : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow DG(\beta)$  from  $\beta : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow N$ . We write  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .  $N^*$  denotes the dual of  $N$  and  $N \rightarrow \overline{N}$  is the natural map modulo torsion.

For the cones in  $\Sigma$ , we assume that the rays  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_d$  span a top dimensional cone  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , and  $\rho_{d+1}, \dots, \rho_n$  are the other rays. Let  $v_i \in \rho_i$  be such that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_d\}$  is a basis of  $\overline{N} = \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$  be the dual basis in  $M = N^*$ .

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## 2. TORIC STACK BUNDLES

In this section we review the basic construction of toric stack bundles, see [10] for details.

**2.1. Toric Deligne-Mumford Stacks.** Let  $N$  be a finitely generated abelian group of rank  $d$  and  $\overline{N} = N/N_{\text{tor}}$  the lattice generated by  $N$  in the  $d$ -dimensional vector space  $N_{\mathbb{Q}} := N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ . Write  $\bar{b}$  for the image of  $b$  under the natural map  $N \rightarrow \overline{N}$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a rational simplicial fan in  $N_{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Suppose  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n$  are the rays in  $\Sigma$ . We fix  $b_i \in N$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $\bar{b}_i$  generates the ray  $\rho_i$ . Let  $\{b_{n+1}, \dots, b_m\} \subset N$ . We consider the homomorphism  $\beta : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow N$  determined by the elements  $\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ . We require that  $\beta$  has finite cokernel.

**Definition 2.1.** *The triple  $\Sigma := (N, \Sigma, \beta)$  is called a stacky fan.*

**Remark 2.2.** *If  $m = n$ , then  $\Sigma$  is the stacky fan in the sense of Borisov-Chen-Smith [5].*

The stacky fan  $\Sigma$  determines two exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow DG(\beta)^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m \xrightarrow{\beta} N \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(\beta) \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 \longrightarrow N^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m \xrightarrow{\beta^\vee} DG(\beta) \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(\beta^\vee) \longrightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta^\vee$  is the Gale dual of  $\beta$ . As a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module,  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is divisible, so it is an injective  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, and hence the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(-, \mathbb{C}^*)$  is exact (see e.g [14]). This yields an exact sequence:

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Coker}(\beta^\vee), \mathbb{C}^*) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(DG(\beta), \mathbb{C}^*) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}^m, \mathbb{C}^*) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(N^*, \mathbb{C}^*) \rightarrow 1.$$

Write  $\mu := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Coker}(\beta^\vee), \mathbb{C}^*)$ ,  $G := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(DG(\beta), \mathbb{C}^*)$ ,  $T := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(N^*, \mathbb{C}^*)$ , then the above sequence reads

$$(4) \quad 1 \longrightarrow \mu \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\mathbb{C}^*)^m \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow 1,$$

which is the same as (1). Define  $Z = (\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_\Sigma)) \times (\mathbb{C}^*)^{m-n}$ , where  $J_\Sigma$  is the irrelevant ideal of the fan  $\Sigma$ . There exists a natural action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$  on  $Z$ . The group  $G$  acts on  $Z$  through the map  $\alpha$  in (4). The quotient stack  $[Z/G]$  is associated to the groupoid  $Z \times G \rightrightarrows Z$ . The morphism  $\varphi : Z \times G \rightarrow Z \times Z$  to be  $\varphi(x, g) = (x, g \cdot x)$  is finite, hence  $[Z/G]$  is a Deligne-Mumford stack.

**Definition 2.3.** For a stacky fan  $\Sigma = (N, \Sigma, \beta)$ , define  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) := [Z/G]$ .

Let  $\Sigma$  be a stacky fan. Let  $\beta_{\min} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow N$  be the map given by the first  $n$  integral vectors  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  in the map  $\beta$ . Then  $\Sigma_{\min} = (N, \Sigma, \beta_{\min})$  is a stacky fan, which we call the minimal stacky fan. From the definitions, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^m & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^{m-n} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \beta_{\min} & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \tilde{\beta} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & N & \xrightarrow{id} & N & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

From the definition of Gale dual, we compute that  $DG(\tilde{\beta}) = \mathbb{Z}^{m-n}$  and  $\tilde{\beta}^\vee$  is an isomorphism. So by Lemma 2.3 in [5], applying the Gale dual yields

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^{m-n} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^m & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \tilde{\beta}^\vee & & \downarrow \beta^\vee & & \downarrow \beta_{\min}^\vee \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^{m-n} & \longrightarrow & DG(\beta) & \longrightarrow & DG(\beta_{\min}) \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Taking  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(-, \mathbb{C}^*)$  functor, we get

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & G_{\min} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & G & \longrightarrow & (\mathbb{C}^*)^{m-n} \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha_{\min} & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \tilde{\alpha} \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & (\mathbb{C}^*)^n & \longrightarrow & (\mathbb{C}^*)^m & \longrightarrow & (\mathbb{C}^*)^{m-n} \longrightarrow 1. \end{array}$$

Let  $\varphi_0 : \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_\Sigma) \rightarrow Z$  be the inclusion defined by  $z \mapsto (z, 1)$ . So

$$(\varphi_0 \times \varphi_1, \varphi_0) : ((\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_\Sigma)) \times G_{\min} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_\Sigma)) \rightarrow (Z \times G \rightrightarrows Z)$$

defines a morphism between groupoids. Let  $\varphi : [(\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_\Sigma))/G_{\min}] \rightarrow [Z/G]$  be the morphism of stacks induced from  $(\varphi_0 \times \varphi_1, \varphi_0)$ .

**Proposition 2.4** ([10]). *The morphism  $\varphi : \mathcal{X}(\Sigma_{\min}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is an isomorphism.*

**2.2. Toric Stack Bundles.** In this section we introduce the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . Let  $P \rightarrow B$  be a principal  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle over a smooth variety  $B$ . Let  $G$  act on the fibre product  $P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z$  via  $\alpha$  in (4).

**Definition 2.5.** Define the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \rightarrow B$  to be the quotient stack

$${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) := [(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z)/G].$$

Let  $\Sigma$  be a stacky fan. For a cone  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , define  $\text{link}(\sigma) := \{\tau : \sigma + \tau \in \Sigma, \sigma \cap \tau = 0\}$ . Let  $\{\tilde{\rho}_1, \dots, \tilde{\rho}_l\}$  be the rays in  $\text{link}(\sigma)$ . Then  $\Sigma/\sigma = (N(\sigma) = N/N_\sigma, \Sigma/\sigma, \beta(\sigma))$  is a stacky fan, where  $\beta(\sigma) : \mathbb{Z}^{l+m-n} \rightarrow N(\sigma)$  is given by the images of  $b_1, \dots, b_l, b_{n+1}, \dots, b_m$  under  $N \rightarrow N(\sigma)$ . From the construction of toric Deligne-Mumford stacks, we have  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma) := [Z(\sigma)/G(\sigma)]$ , where  $Z(\sigma) = (\mathbb{A}^l \setminus \mathbb{V}(J_{\Sigma/\sigma})) \times (\mathbb{C}^*)^{m-n}$ ,  $G(\sigma) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(DG(\beta(\sigma)), \mathbb{C}^*)$ . We have an action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$  on  $Z(\sigma)$  induced by the natural action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^{l+m-n}$  on  $Z(\sigma)$  and the projection  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^{l+m-n}$ . As in [10], let

$$\begin{aligned} {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma) &= [(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} (\mathbb{C}^*)^{l+m-n} \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^{l+m-n}} Z(\sigma))/G(\sigma)] \\ &= [(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z(\sigma))/G(\sigma)]. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 2.6** ([10]). *Let  $\sigma$  be a cone in the stacky fan  $\Sigma$ , then  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma)$  defines a closed substack of  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ .*

For each top dimensional cone  $\sigma$  in  $\Sigma$ , denote by  $\text{Box}(\sigma)$  the set of elements  $v \in N$  such that  $\bar{v} = \sum_{\rho_i \subseteq \sigma} a_i \bar{b}_i$  for some  $0 \leq a_i < 1$ . Elements in  $\text{Box}(\sigma)$  are in one-to-one correspondence with elements in the finite group  $N(\sigma) = N/N_\sigma$ , where  $N(\sigma)$  is a local group of the stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . If  $\tau \subseteq \sigma$  is a subcone, we define  $\text{Box}(\tau)$  to be the set of elements in  $v \in N$  such that  $\bar{v} = \sum_{\rho_i \subseteq \tau} a_i \bar{b}_i$ , where  $0 \leq a_i < 1$ . Clearly  $\text{Box}(\tau) \subset \text{Box}(\sigma)$ . In fact the elements in  $\text{Box}(\tau)$  generate a subgroup of the local group  $N(\sigma)$ . Let  $\text{Box}(\Sigma)$  be the union of  $\text{Box}(\sigma)$  for all  $d$ -dimensional cones  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ . For  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in N$ , let  $\sigma(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n)$  be the unique minimal cone in  $\Sigma$  containing  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n$ .

The following description for the inertia stack of  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is found in [10].

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \rightarrow B$  be a toric stack bundle over a smooth variety  $B$  with fibre  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ , the toric Deligne-Mumford stack associated to the stacky fan  $\Sigma$ . Then its  $r$ -th inertia stack is*

$$\mathcal{I}_r({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) = \coprod_{(v_1, \dots, v_r) \in \text{Box}(\Sigma)^r} {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r)).$$

### 3. THE CHEN-RUAN ORBIFOLD COHOMOLOGY OF TORIC STACK BUNDLES.

In this section we describe the ring structure of the orbifold cohomology of toric stack bundles.

**3.1. Orbifold Cohomology.** The Chen-Ruan Chow ring of projective toric Deligne-Mumford stacks was computed in [5], and generalized to semi-projective case in [12]. The calculation for Chen-Ruan orbifold cohomology ring is the same. In this section we assume that the toric Deligne-Mumford stacks are semi-projective.

For  $\theta \in M = N^*$ , let  $\chi^\theta : (\mathbb{C}^*)^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  be the map induced by  $\theta \circ \beta : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\xi_\theta \rightarrow B$  be the line bundle  $P \times_{\chi^\theta} \mathbb{C}$ . We introduce the deformed ring  $H^*(B)[N]^\Sigma = H^*(B) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[N]^\Sigma$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}[N]^\Sigma := \bigoplus_{c \in N} \mathbb{Q} \cdot y^c$ ,  $y$  is a formal variable, and  $H^*(B)$  is the cohomology ring of  $B$ . The multiplication of  $\mathbb{Q}[N]^\Sigma$  is given by

$$(7) \quad y^{c_1} \cdot y^{c_2} := \begin{cases} y^{c_1+c_2} & \text{if there is a cone } \sigma \in \Sigma \text{ such that } \bar{c}_1 \in \sigma, \bar{c}_2 \in \sigma, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathcal{I}({}^P\Sigma)$  be the ideal in  $H^*(B)[N]^\Sigma$  generated by the following elements:

$$(8) \quad \left( c_1(\xi_\theta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \theta(b_i) y^{b_i} \right)_{\theta \in M},$$

and  $H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$  the Chen-Ruan cohomology ring of the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** ([10]). *Let  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \rightarrow B$  be a toric stack bundle over a smooth variety  $B$  as above. We have an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -graded rings:*

$$H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) \cong \frac{H^*(B)[N]^\Sigma}{\mathcal{I}({}^P\Sigma)}.$$

From the definition of Chen-Ruan cohomology ring, we have

$$(9) \quad H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) = \bigoplus_{v \in \text{Box}(\Sigma)} H^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v})))$$

The closed substack  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))$  is also a toric stack bundle over  $B$  with fibre being the toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))$  associated to the quotient stacky fan  $\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v})$ . Let

$$\text{link}(\sigma(\bar{v})) = \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_l\}.$$

Let  $I_{\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v})}$  be the ideal of  $H^*(B)[y^{\tilde{b}_1}, \dots, y^{\tilde{b}_l}]$  generated by

$$\{y^{\tilde{b}_{i_1}} \dots y^{\tilde{b}_{i_k}} | \rho_{i_1}, \dots, \rho_{i_k} \text{ do not span a cone in } \Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v})\}.$$

Then the cohomology ring of  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))$  is isomorphic to the Stanley-Reisner ring of the quotient fan over the cohomology ring  $H^*(B)$  of the base  $B$ :

$$(10) \quad H^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))) \cong \frac{H^*(B)[y^{\tilde{b}_1}, \dots, y^{\tilde{b}_l}]}{I_{\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v})} + \mathcal{I}({}^P\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))}.$$

**Remark 3.2.** As pointed out in [6], the Chen-Ruan cohomology ring  $H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$  is not Artinian in general if  $N$  has torsion, since it has degree zero elements. If  $N$  is free, i.e. the toric Deligne-Mumford stack is reduced, then  $H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$  is an Artinian module over the cohomology ring  $H^*(B)$  of the base.

**3.2. Obstruction Bundle.** The key gradient of Chen-Ruan orbifold cup product is the orbifold obstruction bundle defined over the double inertia stacks. We review it here for the latter use.

The stack  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is an *abelian* Deligne-Mumford stack, i.e. the local groups are all abelian groups. The 3-twisted sector sectors of  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  are given by triples  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  for  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \text{Box}(\Sigma)$  such that  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3$  belongs to  $N$ .

For any 3-twisted sector  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(v_1, v_2, v_3))$ , the normal bundle  $N({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(v_1, v_2, v_3))/{^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)})$  splits into the direct sum of line bundles under the group action. It follows from the definition that if  $\bar{v} = \sum_{\rho_i \in \sigma(v_1, v_2, v_3)} \alpha_i \bar{b}_i$ , then the action of  $v$  on the normal bundle  $N({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(v_1, v_2, v_3))/{^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)})$  is given by the diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(\alpha_i)$ . Let  $e : {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(v_1, v_2, v_3)) \rightarrow {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  be the embedding. According to [8] the obstruction bundle  $Ob_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}$  over  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(v_1, v_2, v_3))$  is defined as

$$Ob_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)} := (H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}}) \otimes e^* T_{{}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)})^{\langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle},$$

where  $\langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is the subgroup generated by  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is the  $\langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ -cover over the Riemann sphere  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . Details can be found in [8]. Let  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = \sum_{\rho_i \in \sigma(\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3)} a_i b_i$ . We will use the following description of the Euler class of the obstruction bundle:

**Proposition 3.3** (see [7], [9]). *Let  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(v_1, v_2, v_3))$  be a 3-twisted sector of the stack  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  such that  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \neq 0$ . Then the Euler class of the obstruction bundle  $Ob_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}$  is*

$$(11) \quad Ob_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)} = \prod_{a_i=2} c_1(\mathcal{L}_i)|_{\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/(\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3))},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is the line bundle over  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  determined by the ray  $\rho_i$ .

4. THE  $K$ -THEORY OF TORIC STACK BUNDLES

In this section we study the Grothendieck ring of toric stack bundles and prove the main theorem.

**4.1. The  $K$ -Theory of Toric Deligne-Mumford Stacks.** We recall the result of [6]. Let  $\Sigma$  be a stacky fan and  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  the corresponding toric Deligne-Mumford stack. For each ray  $\rho_i$  in the fan  $\Sigma$ , define the line bundle  $L_i$  over  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  to be the quotient of the trivial line bundle  $Z \times \mathbb{C}$  over  $Z$  under the action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  through  $i$ -th component of  $\alpha$  in (4). Let  $x_i$  represent the class  $[L_i]$  in the Grothendieck  $K$ -theory ring.

Let  $R$  be the character ring of the group  $G_{min}$ . Let  $Cir(\Sigma)$  be the ideal in  $K(B) \otimes R$  generated by the elements

$$(12) \quad \left( \prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} x_j^{\langle \theta, v_j \rangle} - 1 \right)_{\theta \in M}.$$

Let  $I_\Sigma$  be the ideal generated by

$$(13) \quad \prod_{i \in I} (1 - x_i) = 0,$$

where  $I \subseteq [1, \dots, n]$  such that  $\{\rho_i | i \in I\}$  do not form a cone in  $\Sigma$ . According to [6], the Grothendieck  $K$ -theory ring  $K_0(\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$  of  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  can be described as follows.

**Theorem 4.1** ([6]). *For a toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ , the morphism*

$$\phi : \frac{R}{I_\Sigma + Cir(\Sigma)} \longrightarrow K_0(\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)),$$

*which send  $\chi$  to  $[L_\chi]$ , is an isomorphism.*

Let  $\Sigma_{min}$  be the minimal stacky fan associated to  $\Sigma$ . There is an underlying *reduced* stacky fan  $\Sigma_{red} = (\overline{N}, \Sigma, \overline{\beta})$ , where  $\overline{N} = N/N_{tor}$ ,  $\overline{\beta} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{N}$  is the natural projection given by the vectors  $\{\overline{b}_1, \dots, \overline{b}_n\} \subseteq \overline{N}$ . Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}^n & \xrightarrow{\beta} & N \\ id \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{Z}^n & \xrightarrow{\overline{\beta}} & \overline{N}. \end{array}$$

Taking Gale duals yields

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \overline{N}^\star & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n & \xrightarrow{\overline{\beta}^\vee} & DG(\overline{\beta}) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & N^\star & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n & \xrightarrow{\beta^\vee} & DG(\beta) \longrightarrow coker(\beta^\vee) \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Applying  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(-, \mathbb{C}^*)$  to (14) yields

$$(15) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \mu & \longrightarrow & G & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & (\mathbb{C}^*)^n & \longrightarrow & T & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha(\varphi) & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & 1 & \longrightarrow & \overline{G} & \xrightarrow{\overline{\alpha}} & (\mathbb{C}^*)^n & \longrightarrow & T & \longrightarrow & 1, \end{array}$$

The stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma_{\text{red}})$  is a toric orbifold. By construction  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma_{\text{red}}) = [Z/\overline{G}]$ , where  $\overline{G} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(DG(\overline{\beta}), \mathbb{C}^*)$  and  $DG(\overline{\beta})$  is the Gale dual  $\overline{\beta}^{\vee} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{N}^{\vee}$  of the map  $\overline{\beta}$ . We can see from (15) that every character of  $\overline{G}$  can be represented as a character of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ . So we have:

**Theorem 4.2.** *For the reduced toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma_{\text{red}})$  the morphism*

$$\phi : \frac{\mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n, x_n^{-1}]}{I_{\Sigma} + \text{Cir}(\Sigma)} \longrightarrow K_0(\mathcal{X}(\Sigma_{\text{red}})),$$

which send  $x_i$  to  $[L_i]$ , is an isomorphism.

**4.2. Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a stacky fan, and  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  the associated toric Deligne-Mumford stack. Let  $P \rightarrow B$  be a principle  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle over the smooth variety  $B$ . Then we have the toric stack bundle  $\pi : {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \rightarrow B$ . For each ray  $\rho_i$  in the fan  $\Sigma$ , we have a line bundle  $L_i$  over  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . Twist it by the principal  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle  $P$ , we get the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_i$  over the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ .

As in [5] and [10] we have a codimension one closed substack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\rho_j) \subset \mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ . There is a canonical section  $s_j$  of the line bundle  $L_j$  whose zero locus is  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\rho_j)$ .

Suppose that  $\rho_{j_1}, \dots, \rho_{j_r}$  do not span a cone in  $\Sigma$ . The section  $s = (s_{j_1}, \dots, s_{j_r})$  of  $L_{j_1} \oplus \dots \oplus L_{j_r}$  is nowhere vanishing and extends to a nowhere vanishing section

$$P(s) : {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{j_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{L}_{j_r}$$

after twisting by the principle  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle  $P$ . Hence by Remark 4.4 in [16],

$$(16) \quad \prod_{1 \leq p \leq r} (1 - \mathcal{L}_{j_p}) = 0.$$

For any  $\theta \in M$ , the  $P$ -equivariant isomorphism of bundles over  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$

$$\prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} L_j^{\langle \theta, b_j \rangle} \cong L_{\theta}$$

yields an isomorphism of bundles over  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ ,

$$\prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} \mathcal{L}_j^{\langle \theta, b_j \rangle} \cong \mathcal{L}_{\theta}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{L}_{\theta} = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} \xi_i^{-\langle \theta, v_i \rangle}$ , we obtain

$$(17) \quad \prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} \mathcal{L}_j^{\langle \theta, b_j \rangle} \cong \xi_{\theta}^{\vee}, \quad \text{where } \xi_{\theta} = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} \xi_i^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle}.$$



Consider the following map

$$\varphi : \frac{K(B) \otimes R}{I_\Sigma + C(P\Sigma)} \longrightarrow K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)), \quad b \otimes \chi \mapsto [\pi^*b \otimes \mathcal{L}_\chi], \quad b \in K(B), \chi \in R.$$

We prove that  $\varphi$  is surjective by induction on the dimension of  $B$ . It is obvious when  $B$  is a point. Let  $U \subset B$  be a Zariski open subset and  $Z = B \setminus U$ . Consider the following diagram with exact rows (see [18], Section 3.1 for the exactness of the bottom row):

$$(18) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} K_0(Z) \otimes K(\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) & \longrightarrow & K_0(B) \otimes K(\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) & \longrightarrow & K_0(U) \otimes K(\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ K_0(\pi^{-1}Z) & \longrightarrow & K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) & \longrightarrow & K_0(\pi^{-1}U), \end{array}$$

where  $\pi : {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \rightarrow B$  is the structure map. By Lemma 4.3 below, the vertical map on the right of (18) is surjective. Then by induction the map  $\varphi$  is surjective since  $\dim(Z) < \dim(B)$ .

Now we prove that  $\varphi$  is injective. Let  $\sum_{i=1}^m b_i[F_i] \in K(B) \otimes R$  such that

$$\varphi \left( \sum_{i=1}^m b_i[F_i] \right) = \sum_{i=1}^m \pi^*b_i \otimes [\mathcal{F}_i] = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is the twist of  $F_i$  by the  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -bundle  $P$ . The sheaf  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is generated by  $\mathcal{L}_j$ 's corresponding to rays and the torsion line bundles corresponding to torsion subgroup in  $G_{min}$ . From the relations in (16) and (17), it is easy to see that if one of  $b_i \neq 0$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^m \pi^*b_i \otimes [\mathcal{F}_i] \neq 0$ . So  $\varphi$  is injective, hence is an isomorphism. This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $U$  be a smooth scheme. Let  $[M/G]$  be a quotient stack, where  $M$  admits a cellular decomposition (in the sense of [17]) which is  $G$ -equivariant. Then the map*

$$K_0(U) \otimes K_G(M) \longrightarrow K_G(U \times M)$$

*is surjective.*

*Proof.* This is an  $G$ -equivariant version of [17], Expose 0, Proposition 2.13. This may be proven by adopting the arguments in [17], together with the following claims.  $\square$

**Claim 1.** Let  $X$  be a smooth scheme with trivial  $G$ -action, and  $G$  acts on  $\mathbb{A}^1$ . Let  $p : X \times \mathbb{A}^1 \rightarrow X$  be the projection. Then the pull-back  $p^* : K_G(X) \rightarrow K_G(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$  is surjective.

*Proof of Claim 1.* Let  $V$  be a  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle over  $X \times \mathbb{A}^1$ . Then by the non-equivariant version of Claim 1 (see [17], Expose 0, Proposition 2.9), there is a vector bundle  $V'$  over  $X$  such that  $V = p^*(V')$ . Since  $G$  acts trivially on  $X$ , it is easy to see that the  $G$ -action on  $V$  naturally yields a  $G$ -action on  $V'$ , making  $p^*$   $G$ -equivariant.  $\square$

**Claim 2.** Let  $X$  be a smooth  $G$ -scheme and  $Y \subset X$  a smooth closed subscheme preserved by  $G$ -action. Suppose that the quotient  $[X/G]$  is a noetherian Deligne-Mumford stack. Set  $U := X \setminus Y$ . Then the natural sequence

$$K_G(Y) \rightarrow K_G(X) \rightarrow K_G(U) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

*Proof of Claim 2.* The exactness in the middle is a general fact, see e.g. [18], Section 3.1. The surjectivity of the restriction map  $K_G(X) \rightarrow K_G(U)$  follows from Claim 3 below (we interpret  $G$ -equivariant sheaves as sheaves on the quotient stacks).  $\square$

**Claim 3.** Let  $X$  and  $U$  be as in Claim 2. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a coherent sheaf on  $[U/G]$ . Then there exists a coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}'$  on  $[X/G]$  such that  $\mathcal{F}'|_{[U/G]} = \mathcal{F}$ .

*Proof of Claim 3.* Define a *quasi-coherent* sheaf  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  on  $[X/G]$  as follows. For an open subset  $V \subset [X/G]$  define  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}(V) := \mathcal{F}(V \cap [U/G])$ . By construction  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}|_{[U/G]} = \mathcal{F}$ , which is coherent. The Claim then follows from [15], Corollaire 15.5.  $\square$

## 5. COMBINATORIAL CHERN CHARACTER

In this section we study the Chern character homomorphism from the  $K$ -theory to Chen-Ruan cohomology. For simplicity, we assume that the toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is reduced.

In Section 5.1 we generalize two results in [6], which give the module isomorphism of the Chern character. In Section 5.2 we use the Chern character homomorphism in [9] to show that the Chern character is an ring isomorphism.

**5.1. The Module Chern Character.** By Theorem 1.1,

$$(19) \quad K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}) := K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \frac{K(B) \otimes R}{I_{\Sigma} + C({}^P\Sigma)} \otimes \mathbb{C},$$

where  $R \cong \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n, x_n^{-1}]$ . Let  $\tilde{R}$  denote the right-hand side of (19). Again let  $[\xi_i] \in K(B, \mathbb{C}) := K(B) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$  represent the class of  $\xi_i$  in the  $K$ -theory of  $B$ . The following Lemma generalizes [6], Lemma 5.1.

**Lemma 5.1.** *The maximum ideals of  $\tilde{R}$  as  $K(B, \mathbb{C})$ -algebras are in bijective correspondence with elements of  $\text{Box}(\Sigma)$ . A box element  $v = \sum_{\rho_i \subset \sigma} a_i \bar{b}_i$  corresponds to the  $n$ -tuple  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in K(B, \mathbb{C})^n$  such that*

$$y_i = \begin{cases} e^{2\pi i a_i} \sqrt[r_i]{\xi_i^{\vee}} & \text{if } \rho_i \subset \sigma, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\xi_i \in K(B, \mathbb{C})$  and  $r_i$  is the order of  $e^{2\pi i a_i}$ .

*Proof.* The maximal ideals of  $\tilde{R}$  viewed as  $K(B, \mathbb{C})$ -algebras correspond to points  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  in  $K(B, \mathbb{C})^n$  such that

$$(20) \quad \prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} y_j^{\langle \theta, b_j \rangle} - \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} (\xi_i^{\vee})^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle} = 0$$

and

$$\prod_{i \in I} (1 - x_i) = 0$$

for  $\theta$  and  $I$  in (2) and (3).

Suppose that the  $K(B, \mathbb{C})$ -point  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  satisfies the above condition. Since  $\prod_{i \in I} (1 - x_i) = 0$ , there is some cone  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  such that  $y_i = 1$  for  $\rho_i$  outside the cone  $\sigma$ . Assume that  $\sigma$  is generated by rays  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k$ .

Consider the relation (20). Since this relation holds for any  $\theta \in M$ , and  $y_i = 1$  for  $\rho_i$  outside the cone  $\sigma$ , we can take  $\theta : N_\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $N_\sigma$  is the intersection of  $N$  with the rational span of  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k$ . Then we can choose  $\theta$  such that  $\theta(v_i) = 1$ , and  $\theta(v_j) = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ . The value  $y_i$  is a  $r_i$ -th root of  $\xi_i$  for some integer  $r_i$ . So  $y_i = e^{2\pi i a_i} \sqrt[r_i]{\xi_i}$ . The relation now reads  $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} e^{2\pi i a_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle} = 1$ , and then  $\sum_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $\theta$ . This is equivalent to  $v = \sum_{\rho_i \in \sigma} a_i \bar{b}_i \in N$ . So the maximal ideals are in one-to-one correspondence to the box elements  $\text{Box}(\Sigma)$ .  $\square$

In the reduced case the ring  $\tilde{R}$  is an Artinian module over  $K(B, \mathbb{C})$ . The localization  $\tilde{R}_v$  can be taken as a submodule of  $\tilde{R}$ , which is simple. According to [21], we have

$$(21) \quad \tilde{R} := \frac{K(B) \otimes R}{I_\Sigma + C(P\Sigma)} \otimes \mathbb{C} = \bigoplus_{v \in \text{Box}(\Sigma)} \tilde{R}_v.$$

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $v \in \text{Box}(\Sigma)$  and  $\sigma(\bar{v})$  the minimal cone in  $\Sigma$  containing  $\bar{v}$ . Then the  $K(B, \mathbb{C})$ -algebra  $\tilde{R}_v$  is isomorphic to the cohomology of the closed substack  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))$  of the toric stack bundle  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma(\bar{v})$  be generated by the rays  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_k$ , and let  $\bar{v} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} a_i \bar{b}_i$  with  $a_i \in (0, 1)$ . For the rest of rays  $\rho_{k+1}, \dots, \rho_n$ , we may assume that  $\rho_{k+1}, \dots, \rho_l$  are contained in some cone  $\sigma'$  containing  $\sigma$ , and  $\rho_{l+1}, \dots, \rho_n$  are not.

Now localizing gives the  $K(B, \mathbb{C})$ -algebra  $\tilde{R}_v$ . Then  $x_i - 1$  is nilpotent for  $i > k$ , and  $x_i - e^{2\pi i a_i} \sqrt[r_i]{\xi_i}$  is nilpotent for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Similar to Lemma 5.2 of [6], let

$$z_i = \begin{cases} \log(x_i), & i > k, \\ \log(x_i e^{-2\pi i a_i} (\sqrt[r_i]{\xi_i})^{-1}), & 1 \leq i \leq k. \end{cases}$$

Now we work over the quotient ring  $\tilde{R}_1$  of  $\tilde{R}$  by a sufficiently high power of the maximal ideal. Using the same method as in [6], we see that  $z_j = 0$  in  $\tilde{R}_v$  for  $j > l$ . And the relations

$$\prod_{i \in I} (x_i - 1) = 0$$

are translated to

$$\prod_{i \in I_{\Sigma/\sigma}} z_i = 0,$$

where  $I_{\Sigma/\sigma}$  represents the subset of  $\{k+1, \dots, l\}$  such that  $\{\rho_i | i \in I_{\Sigma/\sigma}\}$  are not contained in any cone of  $\Sigma/\sigma$ . (Note that  $\{\rho_{k+1}, \dots, \rho_l\}$  are the link set of  $\sigma$ ). So the relations  $\prod_{i \in I} (x_i - 1) = 0$  determine the relations  $\prod_{i \in I_{\Sigma/\sigma}} z_i = 0$  in the quotient fan  $\Sigma/\sigma$ .

Let  $ch : K(B, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^*(B, \mathbb{C})$  be the Chern character isomorphism from the  $K$ -theory of  $B$  to the cohomology. Then  $ch(\xi_i) = e^{c_1(\xi_i)}$ .

Consider the linear relations

$$\prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} x_j^{\langle \theta, b_j \rangle} - \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} (\xi_i^\vee)^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle} = 0$$

for  $\theta \in M$ . Replacing the relations by  $z_i$  we get

$$(22) \quad \prod_{i=1}^k e^{2\pi i a_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle} \xi_i^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle} \prod_{i=1}^{k+l} e^{z_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle} - \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} (\xi_i^\vee)^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle} = 0.$$

Let  $N_{\sigma(v)}$  be the sublattice generated by  $\sigma(v)$ , and  $N(\sigma(v)) = N/N_{\sigma(v)}$ . Let  $\overline{N}(\sigma(v))$  be the free part of  $N(\sigma(v))$ , and  $M(\sigma(v)) := N(\sigma(v))^*$ . Consider the following diagram:

$$(23) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{\pi} & N(\sigma(v)) \\ \theta \downarrow & \swarrow \tilde{\theta} & \\ \mathbb{Z} & & \end{array}$$

where  $\pi$  is the natural morphism. For any  $\tilde{\theta} \in M(\sigma(v))$ , there is an element  $\theta \in M$  induced from diagram (23). Since  $\xi_\theta = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} \xi_i^{\langle \theta, v_i \rangle}$ , and  $e^{c_1(\xi_\theta)} = ch(\xi_\theta)$ , passing to the quotient fan  $\Sigma/\sigma(v)$  in the lattice  $\overline{N}(\sigma(v))$  the equation (22) becomes

$$e^{\sum_{i=k+1}^{k+l} z_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle} - e^{c_1(\xi_{\tilde{\theta}}^\vee)} = 0.$$

So these relations yield

$$\sum_{i=k+1}^{k+l} z_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle + c_1(\xi_{\tilde{\theta}}) = 0$$

which are exactly the linear relations in the cohomology ring of toric stack bundles. Since  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  can be represented as linear combinations of  $z_{k+1}, \dots, z_l$ , the algebra  $\tilde{R}_v$  is isomorphic to the ring  $H^*(B)[z_{k+1}, \dots, z_l]$  with relations

$$\prod_{i \in I_{\Sigma/\sigma}} z_i = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=k+1}^{k+l} z_i \langle \theta, b_i \rangle + c_1(\xi_{\tilde{\theta}}) = 0.$$

So compared to the result in (10),  $\tilde{R}_v$  is isomorphic to  $H^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma), \mathbb{C})$ . □

The decomposition (9) then yields the following.

**Theorem 5.3.** *Assume that the toric Deligne-Mumford stack  $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  is semi-projective. There is a Chern character map from  $K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C})$  to the Chen-Ruan cohomology  $H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C})$  which is a module isomorphism.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.1, Lemma 5.1 and Proposition 5.2, the Chern character map

$$ch : K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C})$$

defined by  $\mathcal{L} \mapsto ch(\mathcal{L})$  is a module isomorphism. □

**5.2. Ring Homomorphism.** In this section we use the stringy  $K$ -theory product defined in [9] to study the ring homomorphism of Chern character.

Let  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) = [(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z)/G]$  be the toric stack bundle associated to the stacky fan  $\Sigma$  and the smooth variety  $B$ . Its  $K$ -theory admits the following decomposition (see e.g. [4], [2], [20]):

$$\begin{aligned} K({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)) &= K_G(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z) \\ &= (K(I_G(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z)))^G \\ (24) \quad &= \sum_{g \in G} (K(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z)^g)^G. \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 2.7 and [10], the twisted sectors  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v}))$  of  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  are indexed by the box elements  $v \in \text{Box}(\Sigma)$ . For each  $v$  in the box, there exists a unique  $g \in G$  such that

$${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(\bar{v})) \cong [(P \times_{(\mathbb{C}^*)^m} Z)^g/G].$$

Let  $\mathcal{F}_{v_1}, \mathcal{F}_{v_2} \in K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma))$ . The stringy  $K$ -theory product of [9] is defined by

$$(25) \quad \mathcal{F}_{v_1} \star \mathcal{F}_{v_2} = (I \circ e_3)_*(e_1^* \mathcal{F}_{v_1} \otimes e_2^* \mathcal{F}_{v_2} \otimes \lambda_{-1}(\text{Ob}_{v_1, v_2, v_3}^*)),$$

where

$$e_i : {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(v_1, v_2, v_3)) \longrightarrow {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(v_i))$$

is the evaluation map, and  $I : {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(v)) \rightarrow {}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(v^{-1}))$  is the involution map. Needless to say, the stringy  $K$ -theory product is defined in a way very similar to that of Chen-Ruan cup product.

Let  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(v))$  be a twisted sector and  $W_v = T_{{}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)}|_{{}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma/\sigma(v))}$ . Define  $W_{v,k}$  to be the eigenbundle of  $W_v$ , where  $v$  acts by multiplication by  $\zeta^k = e^{2\pi i k/r}$ . Following [9], we define

$$\mathcal{T}_v := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{r-1} \frac{k}{r} W_{v,k}.$$

For  $v = \sum_{\rho_i \subset \sigma(\bar{v})} \alpha_i b_i$ , this reads

$$\mathcal{T}_v = \bigoplus_{\rho_i \subset \sigma(\bar{v})} \alpha_i \mathcal{L}_i.$$

**Theorem 5.4.** *The “stringy” Chern character morphism*

$$ch_{orb} : K_0({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow H_{CR}^*({}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}), \quad ch_{orb}(\mathcal{F}_v) := ch(\mathcal{F}_v) td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_v$$

*is an isomorphism as rings under the stringy  $K$ -theory product.*

*Proof.* This is a special case of [9], Theorem 9.5. By Theorem 5.3, the morphism is a module isomorphism. It remains to check the product. Let  $\mathcal{L}_i$  and  $\mathcal{L}_j$  be line bundles over  ${}^P\mathcal{X}(\Sigma)$  as defined before, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ch_{orb}(\mathcal{L}_i \star \mathcal{L}_j) &= ch(\mathcal{L}_i \otimes \mathcal{L}_j \otimes \lambda_{-1}(\oplus_{a_i=2} \mathcal{L}_i)^*) \cdot td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{v_3^{-1}}, \\ ch_{orb}(\mathcal{L}_i) \cup_{CR} ch_{orb}(\mathcal{L}_j) &= ch(\mathcal{L}_i) \cdot td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{v_1} ch(\mathcal{L}_j) \cdot td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{v_2} \cdot e(\oplus_{a_i=2} \mathcal{L}_i). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} td(\oplus_{a_i=2} \mathcal{L}_i) \cdot ch(\lambda_{-1}(\oplus_{a_i=2} \mathcal{L}_i)^*) &= e(\oplus_{a_i=2} \mathcal{L}_i), \\ td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{v_1} \cdot td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{v_2} \cdot td(\oplus_{a_i=2} \mathcal{L}_i) &= td^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{v_3^{-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

we conclude  $ch_{orb}(\mathcal{L}_i \star \mathcal{L}_j) = ch_{orb}(\mathcal{L}_i) \cup_{CR} ch_{orb}(\mathcal{L}_j)$ .  $\square$

## 6. EXAMPLE: FINITE ABELIAN GERBES

In [10], the degenerate case of toric stack bundles, namely finite abelian gerbes over smooth varieties, were studied. In this section we compute their  $K$ -theory. We first recall the construction of finite abelian gerbes.

Let  $N = \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{n_1}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_s^{n_s}}$  be a finite abelian group, where  $p_1, \dots, p_s$  are prime numbers and  $n_1, \dots, n_s > 1$ . Let  $\beta : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow N$  be given by the vector  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ .  $N_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0$  implies that  $\Sigma = 0$ , then  $\Sigma = (N, \Sigma, \beta)$  is a stacky fan. Let  $n = lcm(p_1^{n_1}, \dots, p_s^{n_s})$ , then  $n = p_{i_1}^{n_{i_1}} \cdots p_{i_t}^{n_{i_t}}$ , where  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_t}$  are the distinct prime numbers which have the highest powers  $n_{i_1}, \dots, n_{i_t}$ . Note that the vector  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  generates an order  $n$  cyclic subgroup of  $N$ . We calculate the Gale dual  $\beta^\vee : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \bigoplus_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^{n_i}$ , where  $DG(\beta) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \bigoplus_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^{n_i}$ . We have the following exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\beta} N \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^{n_i} \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{(\beta)^\vee} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \bigoplus_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^{n_i} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \bigoplus_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^{n_i} \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$(26) \quad 1 \longrightarrow \mu \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \times \prod_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mu_{p_i}^{n_i} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbb{C}^* \longrightarrow 1,$$

where the map  $\alpha$  in (26) is given by the matrix  $[n, 0, \dots, 0]^t$  and  $\mu = \mu_n \times \prod_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mu_{p_i}^{n_i} \cong N$ . The toric Deligne-Mumford stack associated with the data is

$$\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) = [\mathbb{C}^*/\mathbb{C}^* \times \prod_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mu_{p_i}^{n_i}] = \mathcal{B}\mu,$$

i.e. the classifying stack of the group  $\mu$ .

Let  $L$  be a line bundle over a smooth variety  $B$  and  $L^*$  the principal  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -bundle induced from  $L$  removing the zero section. From our twist we have

$$L^* \mathcal{X}(\Sigma) = L^* \times_{\mathbb{C}^*} [\mathbb{C}^*/\mathbb{C}^* \times \prod_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mu_{p_i}^{n_i}] = [L^*/\mathbb{C}^* \times \prod_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mu_{p_i}^{n_i}],$$

which is a  $\mu$ -gerbe  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $B$ .

**Remark 6.1.** *The structure of this gerbe is a  $\mu_n$ -gerbe coming from the line bundle  $L$  plus a trivial  $\prod_{i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}} \mu_{p_i}^{n_i}$ -gerbe over  $B$ .*

For this toric stack bundle,  $Box(\Sigma) = N$ , the Chen-Ruan cohomology was computed in [10].

**Proposition 6.2** ([10]). *The Chen-Ruan cohomology ring of the finite abelian  $\mu$ -gerbe  $\mathcal{X}$  is:*

$$H_{CR}^*(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{Q}) \cong H^*(B, \mathbb{Q}) \otimes H_{CR}^*(\mathcal{B}\mu, \mathbb{Q}),$$

where  $H_{CR}^*(\mathcal{B}\mu; \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}[t_1, \dots, t_s]/(t_1^{p_1^{n_1}} - 1, \dots, t_s^{p_s^{n_s}} - 1)$ .

For the stacky fan  $\Sigma = (N, 0, \beta)$ , the minimal stacky fan is given by  $\Sigma_{\min} = (N, 0, \beta_{\min})$ , where  $\beta_{\min} = 0 : 0 \rightarrow N$  is the zero map. So the Gale dual map is still the map  $\beta_{\min}$ , and

$$G_{\min} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(N, \mathbb{C}^*) \cong \mu.$$

The characters of  $\mu \simeq N$  are given by all the maps  $\chi : \mu \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ . Since  $N = \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{n_1}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_s^{n_s}}$ , let  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_s$  be the base generators of the characters of  $N$  such that  $\chi_1^{p_1^{n_1}}, \dots, \chi_s^{p_s^{n_s}}$  are trivial. Every character  $\chi_i$  determines a line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_i$  over  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_i^{p_i^{n_i}}$  is trivial. Then Theorem 1.1 implies

**Theorem 6.3.** *The  $K$ -theory ring of the finite abelian gerbe  $\mathcal{X}$  is:*

$$K_0(\mathcal{X}) \simeq \frac{K(B)[\mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_s]}{(\mathcal{L}_1^{p_1^{n_1}}, \dots, \mathcal{L}_s^{p_s^{n_s}})}.$$

**Remark 6.4.** *It is easy to see from Theorem 6.3 the  $K$ -theory ring of the finite abelian gerbes is independent to the triviality and nontriviality of the gerbes.*

By Theorem 6.2 and 6.3 we have:

**Theorem 6.5.** *There exists a Chern character morphism from the  $K$ -theory ring  $K_0(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{C})$  of the finite abelian  $\mu$ -gerbe  $\mathcal{X}$  to the Chen-Ruan cohomology  $H_{CR}^*(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{C})$ , which is a ring isomorphism.*

**Remark 6.6.** *Suppose that we have two finite abelian  $\mu$ -gerbes over  $B$ , one is trivial and the other is nontrivial. We see that the  $K$ -theory ring and the Chen-Ruan cohomology ring cannot distinguish these two different stacks. However quantum cohomology rings of different gerbes are different in general [3].*

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